

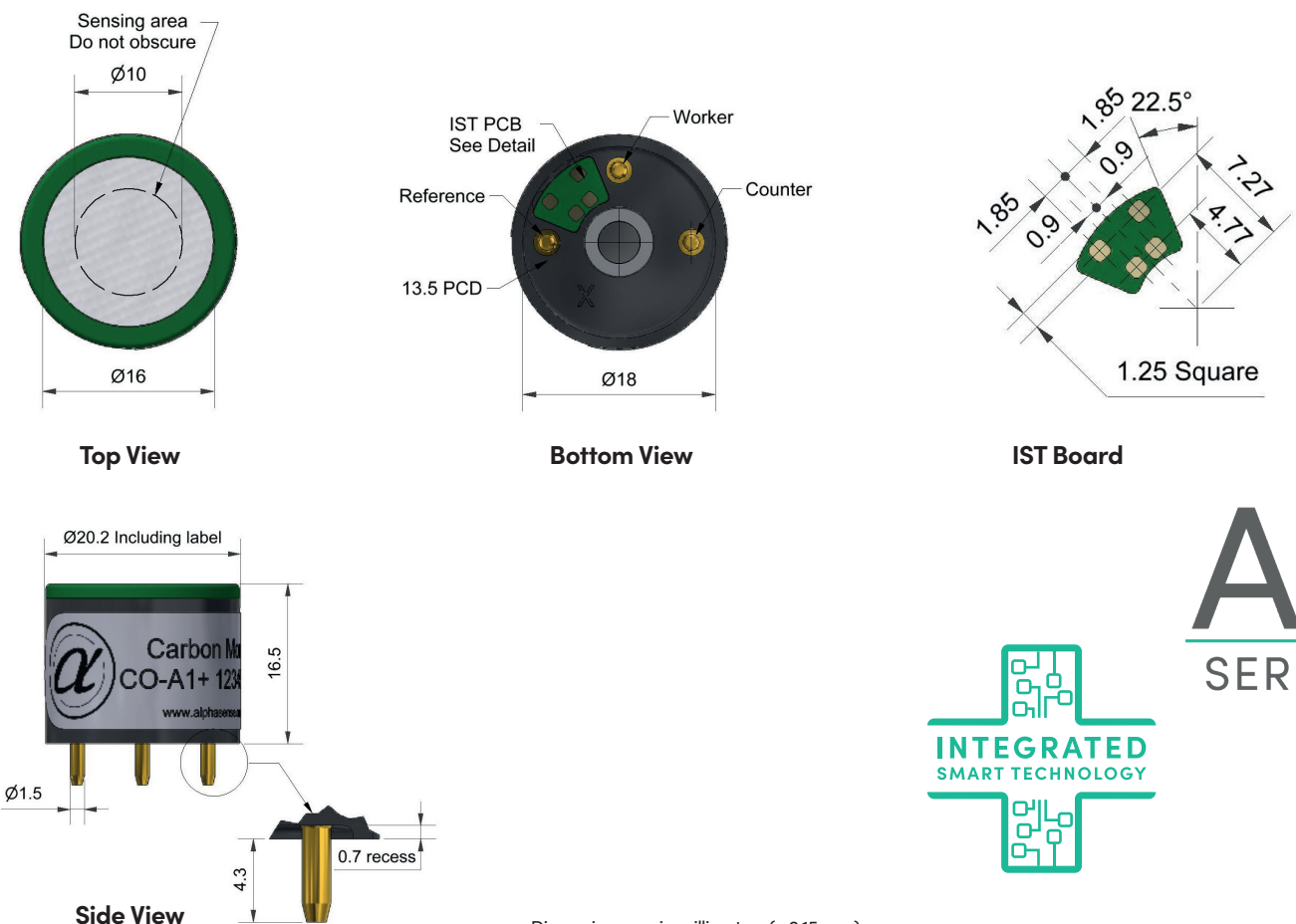
CO-A1/CO-A1+ Carbon Monoxide Sensor

The CO-A1 sensor is a PPM sensor that is designed for a broad variety of applications and instrumentation including portable gas detectors and fixed gas detection systems for industrial safety, environmental air quality analysis and process control. The A series is the most widely used sensor format for portable gas detection applications. It is available in our standard format (CO-A1) and with our patented Integrated Smart Technology (CO-A1+) that has an IST board with a memory chip and temperature sensor integrated in the sensor. The + sensors store specific calibration, specification, and identification data on every sensor allowing plug and play operation. The on-board temperature sensor improves the accuracy and simplicity of temperature compensation algorithms.

CO-A1 Carbon Monoxide Sensor – 3-Electrode



CO-A1+ Carbon Monoxide Sensor – 3-Electrode (with Integrated Smart Technology)



Dimensions are in millimetres (± 0.15 mm).

Sensor Data

Performance	Sensitivity	nA/ppm in 400ppm CO	50 to 100
	Response time	t90 (s) from zero to 400ppm CO	< 20
	Zero current (typical)	ppm equivalent in zero air	< ± 3
	Resolution	RMS noise (ppm equivalent)	< 0.5
	Range	ppm limit of performance warranty	5,000
	Linearity	ppm CO error at full scale, linear at zero, 1000ppm CO	+15 to +25
	Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	10,000
Lifetime	Zero drift	ppm equivalent change/year in lab air	< 0.2
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< 8
	Operating life	months until 80% original signal (24-month warranted)	> 24
Environmental	Sensitivity @ -20°C	(% output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 400ppm CO	70 to 88
	Sensitivity @ 50°C	(% output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 400ppm CO	102 to 115
	Zero @ -20°C	nA equivalent change from 20°C	< ± 3
	Zero @ 50°C	nA equivalent change from 20°C	< ± 8
Cross Sensitivity	H ₂ S sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	H ₂ S < 350
	NO ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	NO ₂ < -20
	CL ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	CL ₂ < 60
	NO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 50ppm	NO < 30
	SO ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	SO ₂ < 35
	H ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	H ₂ at 20°C < 85
	C ₂ H ₄ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	C ₂ H ₄ < 150
NH ₃ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	NH ₃ < 0.1	
Key Specifications	Temperature range	°C	-30 to 50
	Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
	Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 90
	Storage period	months @ 3 to 20°C (stored in sealed pot)	6
	Load resistor	Ω (recommended)	10 to 47
	Weight	g	< 6

Figure 1 Sensitivity Temperature Dependence

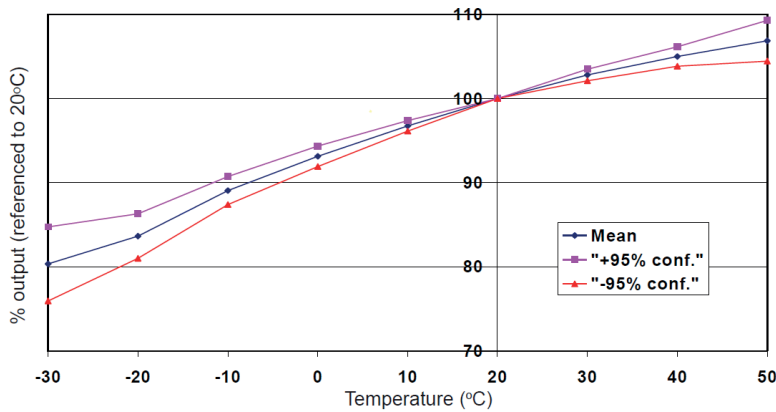


Figure 1 shows the variation in sensitivity caused by changes in temperature.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors. The mean and \pm 95% confidence intervals are shown.

Figure 2 Zero Temperature Dependence

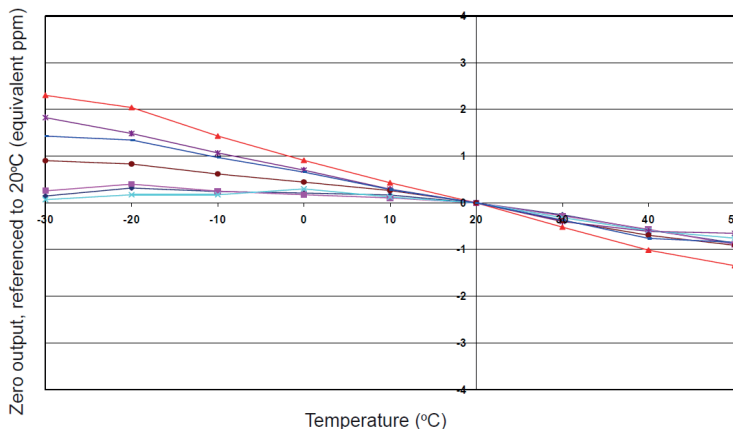


Figure 2 shows the variation in zero output caused by changes in temperature, expressed as ppm gas equivalent, referenced to zero at 20°C.

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Figure 3 Response to Exposure to 2% CO

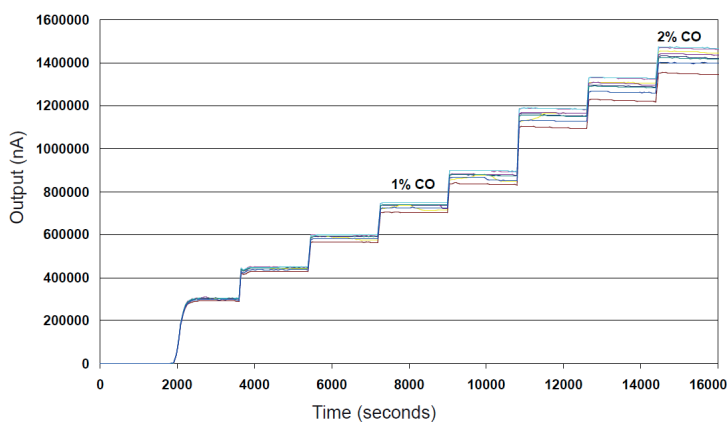


Figure 3 shows the excellent response to step changes in CO concentrations from zero to 2% CO by volume.

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IST Board Data

Interface	Communication Bus	Compatible with the 400 kHz I ² C protocol
	Max. Bus Speed	Up to 1 MHz
	Input Logic Levels	High (Recessive) < 2.3 V Low (Dominant) < 0.2 V
	Absolute Max. Input Signal	3.6 V
Electrical	Supply Voltage Range	1.7 V to 3.6 V
	Supply current – Stand-By	< 5 µA
	Supply current – Operating	< 0.15 mA (temperature reading only) < 2.15 mA (temperature reading + memory reading/writing)
	Power Supply Conditioning	Built-In 100 nF decoupling capacitor
	ESD Protection	4 kV (human body model) – Enhanced ESD / Latch-Up protection
	Bus Pins Input Capacitance	15 pF max.
Performance	Operational Temperature	-40 °C to +85 °C
	Temperature Sensor Accuracy	±1°C (-0°C to +70°C)
	Memory Data Retention	> 200 years
	Memory Write Cycles	> 4,000,000
Data & Communication	Memory IC & I2C Address	M24128X-FCU Device Address: R – 0xA0 / W – 0xA1
	Temperature IC & I2C Address	MAX31875R0TZS+T Device Address: R – 0x90 / W – 0x91
	Product Data Start Address	0x0900
	Calibration Data Start Address	0x0B00
	User Data Area	0x0D00 – 0x18FF (3,072 Bytes)
	CRC Polynomial	0x 01 04C1 1DB7
	Digital Signature Algorithm	SHA-256

Factory-populated data

Product Data
Data Format Version
Customer (OEM) ID
Product ID
Type of Sensor / Target Gas
Sensor Serial Number
End of Storage Period Date
Sensor Replacement Date
Product Data Checksum
Alphasense Digital Signature
Customer Digital Signature

Calibration
Calibration Data Units
Zero (clean dry air) Output
Calibration Span
Calibration Output
Sensitivity
Calibration Date
Calibration Data Checksum
Calibration Data Signature

Sensor Specification
Over-gas limit
Concentration Range
Temperature Range Low
Temperature Range High
Humidity Range Low
Humidity Range High
Pressure Range Low
Pressure Range High
Specification Checksum

15,000+ locations

Customer Specific
Custom Parameters
Re-Calibration Due Date
Operational Limits:
Low High STEL TWA
Next Bump Test Due Date
User Data Area

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